

Cooke on the Distribution of the American Egrets.¹— This circular consists of two maps showing by actual records the original distribution of the Egret, *Herodias egretta*, and the Snowy Egret, *Egretta candidissima*, with brief remarks upon their past and present range. “Fortunately,” says Prof. Cooke, “in the case of each of these species, breeding colonies still remain in the southern United States to serve as centers of distribution to the districts formerly included in the range.” So long however as States like Pennsylvania afford these birds no protection, and the pot hunter shoots at every “white crane” that strays north of the present limited breeding range, the outlook for the extension of this range to its former limits is discouraging.— W. S.

Fleming on a New Teal from the Andaman Islands.²— Mr. Fleming finds that six specimens of *Polionetta* recently received from North Reef Island, west of North Andaman, differ constantly from specimens of *P. albigularis* from South Andaman, and he proposes to separate them as *P. a. leucopareus*.— W. S.

Rubow’s ‘Life of the Common Gull’— This is an English translation of the original Danish edition already reviewed in these pages, with the same excellent series of illustrations.— W. S.

Gentry’s ‘Life-Histories’— A Belated Review.⁴— These volumes were not adequately reviewed when first issued, nor since, so far as the writer is aware. As if by common consent they have been very consistently ignored by American ornithologists. Although the writer believes that untrustworthiness in supposedly scientific work should be fully exposed, he has up to the present acquiesced in the silent treatment of Gentry’s volumes. Now, after a lapse of more than 30 years, comes a case which shows how necessary it is for those to point out errors who are enabled to do so by familiarity with the subject or the man. It would not be necessary to discuss the character of a work so generally consigned to oblivion, were it not for the fact that it now seems to be taken seriously abroad. Mr. G. A. K. Marshall, in presenting a collection of the records of birds attacking butterflies (in *Trans. Ent. Soc. Lond.*, 1909, pp. 329–383) quotes freely

¹ Distribution of the American Egrets. By W. W. Cooke. Circular 84. Bureau of Biological Survey, U. S. Department of Agriculture. Issued September 13, 1911. pp. 5.

² A New Teal from the Andaman Islands. By J. H. Fleming. *Proc. Biol. Soc. of Washington*, XXIV, pp. 215–216, Oct. 31, 1911.

³ The Life of the Common Gull told in Photographs | By | C. Rubow | Translated from the Danish | Witherby & Co. | 326 High Holborn, London, W. C. | 1911 — Svo. [pp. 6], 25 illustrations from photographs from life.

⁴ Gentry, Thos. G. *Life-Histories of the birds of eastern Pennsylvania*, Vol. I, 399 pp. Published by the author, Philadelphia, 1876. Vol. II, 336 pp. Salem, Mass., 1877.